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ABSTRACT

This book supports the National Science Education Standards by giving children an understanding of the characteristics of organisms, outlining the life cycles of organisms, and showing how organisms relate to their environments. Interweaving life science with literature, mathematics, and physical sciences, the unit begins with children participating in "The Chicken Drama," an activity which includes role playing chicks hatching out of eggs. In Activity 2, students begin with Ruth Heller's illustrated book, "Chickens Aren't the Only Ones," for a broad picture of the many animals that hatch from eggs. Students role-play the different animals that hatch from eggs and organize and compare animals by number of legs. As students sort, classify, and graph, they use logical thinking skills to organize data, use numbers in context, and make comparisons. Children also investigate animals that lay their eggs on land and in water. In Activity 3, students get acquainted with a live box turtle by observing, touching, and feeding it. They learn how turtles, fish, and snakes lay eggs, how the eggs hatch, and how the animals live in their environments. Activity 4 has children exploring the movement of plastic eggs and other objects on flat and inclined surfaces. (PVD)

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